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SUBJECT: SAMORA MACHEL: WHAT IS HE UP TO?

1. DURING PAST WEEK, PRM PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL HAS BEEN
NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM PUBLIC VIEW. ASIDE FROM PUBLICIZED
INDEPENDENCE MESSAGES TO CAPE VERDE AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SENT IN HIS NAME, AND PRESIDING OVER COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON
JULY 7 WHEN IT RECOGNIZED INDEPENDENCE OF COMORO ISLANDS,
MACHEL HAS MADE NO PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD
NOR WAS HE PICTURED OR INTERVIEWED IN PRESS. ALSO, IN CONTRAST
WITH PRECEDING WEEKS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SPECIAL SECURITY
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MEASURES AROUND HIS RESIDENCE AND HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN HIS

USUAL MOTORCYCLE GUARDED MOTORCADE IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

2. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS ONLY CONJECTURE, MACHEL'S UNCHARACTERISTIC LOW PROFILE SUGGESTS HE IS NOT IN TOWN AND/OR IS WORKING ON A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE PROJECT. HE COULD BE VISITING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE AREA BETWEEN RHODESIA AND MALAWI (TETE), IN PREPARATION FOR IMPLEMENTING TOUGH MEASURES AGAINST RHODESIA. UPON RETURNING FROM DAR ES SALAAM JULY 9, FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO INDICATED PUBLICLY THAT ALL PARTIES TO THE RECENT HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON RHODESIA. CHISSANO'S SUDDEN RETURN TO DAR AGAIN JULY 12 SUGGESTS CLOSE CONSULTATION ON RHODESIAN MEASURES ARE BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED.

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